

Electric Vehicle (EV) Initiative for Tribal Nations



BACKGROUND: The EV initiative for tribal nations helps to ensure that Native communities are part of the EV future of the country. As the agency responsible for establishing government-wide vehicle contracts and leasing half the federal fleet, GSA plays a key role in advancing the deployment and adoption of climate-ready vehicles. And, as Native communities plan to deploy EV charging infrastructure at their sites, GSA has solutions to overcome challenges and support the transition with planning, acquisition, installation, and maintenance of zero-emission electric vehicle supply equipment.

GSA offers 57 unique electric vehicle models across several vehicle categories this fiscal year and will continue to add more models as they are made available by the manufacturers. In accordance with applicable authorities, GSA can help Tribal Nations <u>lease</u> or <u>purchase</u> these electric vehicle offerings.

Additionally, a critical first step in transitioning to an electric fleet is investing in the charging infrastructure required to power the fleet. <u>GSA's one-stop shop</u> helps to meet agencies' electric vehicle and charging station needs.

To support this initiative, GSA is seeking input to understand the Tribal Nations' roles in assisting tribes with purchasing or leasing electric vehicles, mapping the federal facilities in Indian Country to support EV infrastructure deployment, and expanding training for Tribal members on GSA solutions available.

CONSULTATION OBJECTIVES:

- Understand the needs of Tribal Nations with respect to EVs and EV charging infrastructure.
- 2. Learn about the challenges that Tribal Nations face when implementing EV charging infrastructure.
- 3. Learn about success stories of implementing EVs in Tribal Nations.
- 4. Understand how Tribal Nations partner with the private sector and state and local governments when deploying EV and EV charging infrastructure.

Comments can be submitted in person during the consultation or by email at tribalaffairs@gsa.gov. Please use the subject line "GSA 2023 TRIBAL CONSULTATION COMMENTS SUBMISSION." Registration for the RES 2023 event is not required to participate in the consultation. We do ask that you register for the consultation through our website at https://www.gsa.gov/resources/native-american-tribes or on-site so we can accurately capture the tribal representatives present at the meeting.